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UNIVERSITIES WITH POTENTIAL FOR EXCELLENCE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study conducted by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) of UGC had revealed that only 32 per cent of the Universities in the country offer quality education and only 9 Universities have been ranked as `Universities with Potential for Excellence`; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures the Government had taken or propose to take for quality improvement in all the Indian Universities?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a):The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has accredited 140 Universities in the country. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has a scheme for identifying `Universities with Potential for Excellence` with separate parameters, and has identified 9 such Universities upto the end of the X Plan.

(b): Improvement of quality of higher education is a continuous process. The UGC has a number of schemes such as Universities with Potential of Excellence, Colleges with Potential of Excellence, Special Assistance Programme (SAP), Major and Minor Research Projects, Fellowship for doing M.Phil and Ph.D, Emeritus Fellowship, Instrumentation Maintenance Centre and Cultural Exchange Programme. The quality of teaching and research in higher education is ensured by the UGC by regulating the minimum qualification for teachers. Refresher programmes are organized for teachers through the Academic Staff Colleges. The permanent teachers are also supported under Faculty Improvement Programme for doing M.Phil and Ph.D in their respective field of study.